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1. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 24 May 1951, no aircraft were seen at Dresden-Klotzsche airfield. There was no flying over the field. The weather was good. (1) All the hangars were closed and no activity was seen. The Dumbo radar set, previously seen near the Lufthansa Building on the southeastern edge of the field, was still there. It was guarded. (2) No railroad cars were seen on the spur track in the northwestern section of the field.
2. Between 15 and 26 May, driving lessons were considerably reduced. No convoys but only individual trucks were seen. On 26 May, trucks [redacted] both with the inscription "driving school" were seen occupied by air force soldiers. (3)
3. Between 5 and 6:30 a.m. on 15 May, three PO-2s circled over the field. About three PO-2s were seen circling over the field between 9:30 and midnight on 17 May. All of the aircraft had their landing lights on. The obstacle lights at the field were also switched on. A powerful blue searchlight, which was mounted on the flight control building, flashed up at irregular intervals and illuminated the entire runway. The boundary lights were not intact. On 26 May, one biplane circled over the field while three airplanes practiced formation flying.
4. The former Lufthansa hanger on the southern edge of the field was used as a gymnasium. The former airport restaurant was used as a messhall. Individual windows of the Lufthansa Building had bars on them. According to a German woman employed in Lufthansa Building, all the rooms in this building were occupied by officers and FM, who wore black-bordered blue epaulets, including some with pilot insignia.
5. A radio installation was adjacent to and west of the Lufthansa Building. It consisted of two large radio trucks [redacted] (3). A rotatable antenna, which was about 2 meters higher than the 10-meter high Lufthansa Building, was situated between the radio trucks. The antenna did not rotate although soldiers were continually seen near the radio installation. According to previous observations, it appeared that the antenna only rotated when jet

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aircraft flew nearby. An overheard aerial with a load-in from the second of the two large radio trucks was fitted on the roof of the Lufthansa Building. A small radio truck was parked nearby. Next to this radio truck there was a high mast from which an antenna led to a mast on top of the Lufthansa Building. The lead-in to this antenna came from the first of the two large radio trucks.

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6. On 31 May, no aircraft were seen at the field. The hangars were closed. There was no flying between 8 and 11 a.m. The radar set with four radio trucks was still located near to the Lufthansa Building which was occupied by Soviet soldiers and guarded by several sentries.

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7. Between 5 May and 2 June, only a few driving school trucks

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_____ (4) Only some of the buildings of the former air college were lighted at night. It was assumed that elements of the MVD Unit were transferred because several truck shipments were observed.

8. Between 8 and 10 a.m. on 7 June, no aircraft were parked at the field. There was no flying over the field. The hangars were closed. Seven German civilians were harvesting hay on the landing field. Four Soviet Air Force sentries were seen around the landing field. The Dumbo radar set was still located near the former Lufthansa Building. This building was occupied by about 100 air force troops. Nine boxcars were on the spur track in the northwestern corner of the landing field. The area at the end of the spur track was still fenced-in. Two fuel containers were seen lying on the ground in this area.

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- (1) The airfield is not occupied by an air unit but by an unidentified air force ground unit and an MVD unit.
 (2) The location of the radar set was reported previously. _____ It has not been determined whether the set is operated by air force personnel or by members of the MVD unit.

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